

REMARKS

Prior to entry of this response, the subject application included claims 72-135 and 249-361 pending and under consideration. The Office Communication mailed on July 24, 2008 indicates that the Response filed by the Applicant on December 8, 2006 was not fully responsive for the following reasons:

“The reply must present arguments pointing out the specific distinctions believed to render the claims, including any *newly* presented claims, patentable over any applied references.” (Emphasis in original).

The Applicant has chosen to cancel claims 249-361 from the subject application without prejudice for possible submission at a future date. Accordingly, the position set forth in the Office Communication that the response filed December 8, 2006 was not fully responsive is moot. The Applicant therefore respectfully requests further consideration of the subject application including pending claims 72-135.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the Applicant's application now includes pending claims 72-135. Reconsideration of the subject application is respectfully requested. The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned by telephone to resolve any outstanding matters concerning the subject application.

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